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HURDLES IN TRADE BETWEEN INDIA AND MYANMAR
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified the problems arising in the promotion of trade between India and Myanmar;

(b) if so, whether any talk has been held between both the countries to resolve those problems and to promote trade between both the countries; and

(c) if so the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of the problems ranging from the currentnon-renewal of trading licenses for foreign trading companies including Indian companies, restrictive barter trade policy of the Myanmar authorities through all border trading points since 1997, opening of second border trading point and the constraints of infrastructure and security environment relating to promotion of trade between India and Myanmar.

(b) & (c) Some of the above problems relating to the promotion of border trade between the two countries viz. infrastructure facilities at Moreh and Tamu, restrictions upon the movement of traders and their vehicles by the Government of Myanmar and the need for the immediate opening of Champai-Rhi as the second border trading point, etc. were discussed at the Eighth National Level Meeting between the Home Ministries of the two countries at New Delhi on 10-11 July 2002 in order to promote trade between the two countries.